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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle interior lining, comprising;
a barrier layer made of an air-permeable fleece;
a decorative layer, wherein the barrier layer is arranged on a rear side of the decorative layer, and wherein the decorative layer and the barrier layer form an intermediate product;
a soft intermediate layer of cellular material disposed between the decorative layer and the barrier layer in the intermediate product; and
a foam backing that directly adjoins the barrier layer and that is formed via a back foaming process, wherein the foam backing is formed by applying a liquid plastic to the barrier layer, and wherein the foam backing is formed on the intermediate product, and
wherein the barrier layer prevents penetration of the liquid plastic through the barrier layer, and wherein a resulting unit of the barrier layer and the foam backing produced by back foaming is permeable to air after curing.
- 2-3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 21, wherein at least two layers of the intermediate product are bonded to each other by gluing.
5. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 4, wherein a thermoplastic, pulverulent glue is applied to at least one layer to bond the at least two layers of the intermediate product.
6. (Currently Amended) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 21, wherein the intermediate product is produced by laminating.

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7. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, wherein the air-permeable fleece comprises a plurality of cellulose fibers that are bonded to each other by a binding agent.
8. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of cellulose fibers are sisal fibers.
9. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, wherein the air-permeable fleece used as the barrier layer has a gsm substance of 50 to 200 g/m².
10. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, wherein the air-permeable fleece used as the barrier layer has an air permeability of about 55 to 120 l per 100 cm².
11. (Currently Amended) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, further comprising a fiber mat attached to ~~the~~ a rear side of the foam backing during the back foaming process.
12. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, further comprising a fiber mat embedded in the foam backing during the back foaming process.
13. (Original) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, wherein the liquid plastic is directly applied to the barrier layer and comes into contact with the barrier layer during the back foaming process.

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14. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, further comprising fibers that are introduced into the liquid plastic during the back foaming process, wherein the fibers are distributed in the foam backing.

15. (Original) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 14, wherein the fibers are glass fibers.

16. (Original) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, wherein the liquid plastic used for back foaming comprises polyurethane.

17. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, wherein the decorative layer is a material selected from the group consisting of a textile fabric and an imitation leather.

18. (Original) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, wherein the entire vehicle interior lining is permeable to air.

19. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1, further comprising at least one of a spacer and a fastening member in the foam backing, wherein the at least one of the spacer and the fastening member are attached during the back foaming process.

20. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1 wherein the decorative layer, barrier layer, and foam backing cooperate to form a roof liner.

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21. (Previously Presented) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 1 wherein the air-permeable fleece prevents penetration of liquid plastic through the barrier layer.

22. (Previously Presented) A vehicle interior lining, comprising;
a barrier layer made of an air-permeable fleece that prevents penetration of liquid plastic through the barrier layer;

a decorative layer, wherein the barrier layer is arranged on a rear side of the decorative layer;

a foam backing that directly adjoins the barrier layer and that is formed via a back foaming process, wherein the foam backing is formed by applying a liquid plastic to the barrier layer,

wherein the barrier layer prevents penetration of the liquid plastic through the barrier layer, and wherein a resulting unit of the barrier layer and the foam backing is permeable to air after curing; and

at least one spacer having an open cellular structure capable of being infiltrated by a liquid plastic wherein the at least one spacer is attached to the foam backing during the back foaming process.

23. (New) The vehicle interior lining according to claim 22 including a soft intermediate layer of cellular material disposed between the decorative layer and the barrier layer.